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Sir:

In response to the Final Official Action of October 15, 2008, in which a threemonth shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on January 15, 2009, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections set forth in the Final Official Action, in view of the herein-contained remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 24 of this paper.